

A RESOLUTION

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**SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES 2004 LEGISLATIVE
AGENDA AND ENCOURAGING CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT TO FULLY
IMPLEMENT SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS VITAL TO CITIES AND TOWNS
ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, The National League of Cities, in its seven-point 2004 Legislative Agenda, is asking Congress to work in partnership with local government to maximize support for programs vital to cities and towns across America. NLC's legislative priorities are:

- **Homeland Security** – continued federal support to protect hometown America including direct funding to cities and/or regions with populations larger than 100,000 and to high threat cities and regions.
- **Public Safety** – reauthorization of and continued funding for programs that enhance local public safety efforts including the Community Oriented Policing Services and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant programs and bills dealing with gun safety, drug control, and fighting gang violence.
- **Transportation** – increased funding, greater local control, and added flexibility in federal transportation programs to meet local and regional highway and transit needs; sufficient and consistent funding for Amtrak.
- **Children and Families** – increased or full funding for Head Start, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, the No Child Left Behind Act, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
- **Housing** – continued funding for the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships, and HOPE VI programs.
- **Internet Tax Moratorium** – extension of the internet tax moratorium for two years in a manner that does not jeopardize local governments' taxing authority.
- **MTBE Liability** – continued efforts to block, in any legislation, a provision that would impose a \$29 billion unfunded mandate on local governments forced to clean-up MTBE polluted water.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA that the City of Atlanta is in full support of the National League of Cities 2004 Legislative Agenda and encourages Congress and the President to fully implement support for programs vital to cities and towns across the United States.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council is directed to transmit a true and correct copy to all members of Congress.

